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For: LENS BARREL HAVING A FLARE  
DIAPHRAGM WHICH CAN ADVANCE  
INTO AND RETREAT FROM THE  
OPTICAL PATH TO ELIMINATE  
DELETERIOUS LIGHT RESULTING  
FROM MOVEMENT OF THE LENS

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Sir:

Prior to examination and before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the  
application as follows.

**ON THE FACE PAGE OF THE PATENT**

Next to Section "[73] Inventors:", on the first line, delete "Akiruno".

Next to Section "[73] Inventors:", on the second line, after the word "Suzuki", delete  
"Tokyo".

Next to Section "[73] Inventors:", on the second line, before the word "Japan", insert  
-- Tokyo --.